

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of playing a blackjack-like, wagering card game with a Dealer and at least one player comprising:
  - using at least one deck of standard playing cards having no jokers;
  - dealing a hand of two cards to the Dealer and to each player who has made a wager;
  - dealing one of said cards of the Dealer face up;
  - establishing numerical values for each of said cards in said deck of standard playing cards;
  - assigning values to each said hand by adding up said values of said cards in each said hand;
  - allowing each said player to reach a total of as close to 21 as possible without exceeding 21 with standard blackjack options selected from the group consisting of hit, stand, split a pair, double down, and surrender;
  - allowing the Dealer standard blackjack options selected from the group consisting of hit and stand after play is completed by all the players; and
  - establishing a best hand called a Natural that beats all other hands and pays a bonus when it wins;

wherein said Natural is ~~not any ace and not any card with a value of ten a hand that occurs less frequently than a standard blackjack which is a hand including both an ace of any suit and a card of any suit having a value of ten;~~

wherein any of said hands of the players that exceed 21 do not always lose responsive to said hands of said player being compared to said of said dealer.

2. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein at least one of the players acts as the Dealer.

3. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said Natural is two aces.

4. (Original) The method of Claim 3, wherein said two aces are of the same suit.

5. (Original) The method of Claim 3, wherein said two aces are of the same color.

6. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said Natural is an ace and a jack.

7. (Original) The method of Claim 6, wherein said ace and said jack are of the same color.

8. (Original) The method of Claim 6, wherein said ace and said jack are of the same suit.

9. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the player who exceeds 21 and ties the Dealer wins the amount of the player's wager.

10. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the player who exceeds 21 and ties the Dealer receives back the player's wager.

11. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein a casino acts as the Dealer.

12. (Original) The method of Claim 11, wherein said Natural is two aces.

13. (Original) The method of Claim 12, wherein said two aces are of the same suit.

14. (Original) The method of Claim 12, wherein said two aces are of the same color.

15. (Original) The method of Claim 11, wherein said Natural is an ace and a jack.

16. (Original) The method of Claim 15, wherein said ace and said jack are of the same color.

(Original) The method of Claim 15, wherein said ace and said jack are of the same suit.

17. (Original) The method of Claim 11, wherein the player who exceeds 21 and ties the Dealer wins the amount of the player's wager.
  
18. (Original) The method of Claim 11, wherein the player who exceeds 21 and ties the Dealer receives back the player's wager.